Klan Trial

Star state witness Bill Roy Pitts told a Federal court jury in Meridian, Miss., that he had been fed and clothed by the Federal Government since he gave a statement regarding the murder of a civil rights leader.

The testimony came in the Federal conspiracy trial of 11 Ku Klux Klansmen charged with plotting the Jan. 10, 1966, firebomb attack which killed Vernon F. Dahmer Jr., a Hattiesburg Negro leading a voting rights drive.

Pitts, 25, of Laurel, denied he had received more funds than those necessary to subsist. When showed alleged receipts for payments to him by Federal agents, he denied the signatures were his. The documents were admitted as defense exhibits.